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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF GENDER-SPECIFIC REFERENCES**  
2 **IN TITLE 11, D.C. CODE.**

3 (a) *REFERENCES IN SECTION.*—Whenever in this sec-  
4 tion an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment  
5 to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference  
6 shall be considered to be made to that section or other provi-  
7 sion of title 11, District of Columbia Code.

8 (b) *REMOVAL OF REFERENCES.*—Title 11, District of  
9 Columbia Code is amended as follows:

10 (1) Section 11–703(b) is amended by striking  
11 “during his service” and inserting “while serving”.

12 (2) Section 11–705(d) is amended by striking “if  
13 he sat” and inserting “if the judge sat”.

14 (3) Section 11–706(a) is amended by striking  
15 “his duties” each place it appears and inserting “the  
16 chief judge’s duties”.

17 (4) Section 11–706(b) is amended by striking  
18 “his successor” and inserting “the chief judge’s succes-  
19 sor”.

20 (5) Section 11–709(2) is amended by striking  
21 “he attended” and inserting “the judge attended”.

22 (6) Section 11–709(3) is amended by striking  
23 “his attendance” and inserting “the judge’s attend-  
24 ance”.

1           (7) Section 11-721(d) is amended by striking  
2           “he shall so state” and inserting “the judge shall so  
3           state”.

4           (8) Section 11-744 is amended—

5                 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “he”  
6                 and inserting “the chief judge”; and

7                 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “He”  
8                 and inserting “The chief judge”.

9           (9) Section 11-904(b) is amended by striking  
10           “during his service” and inserting “while serving”.

11           (10) The second sentence of section 11-906(a) is  
12           amended to read as follows: “The chief judge shall at-  
13           tend to the discharge of the duties pertaining to the  
14           office of chief judge and perform such additional judi-  
15           cial work as the chief judge is able to perform.”.

16           (11) Section 11-906(b) is amended by striking  
17           “He” and inserting “The chief judge”.

18           (12) Section 11-907(a) is amended by striking  
19           “his duties” each place it appears and inserting “the  
20           chief judge’s duties”.

21           (13) Section 11-907(b) is amended by striking  
22           “his” and inserting “a”.

23           (14) Section 11-908(a) is amended by striking  
24           “he is”.

1           (15) Section 11-909(b)(2) is amended by strik-  
2           ing “he” and inserting “the judge”.

3           (16) Section 11-909(b)(3) is amended by strik-  
4           ing “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

5           (17) The third sentence of section 11-1322 is  
6           amended by striking “his salary” and inserting “that  
7           person’s salary”.

8           (18) Section 11-1501(a) is amended by striking  
9           “He” and inserting “The President”.

10          (19) Section 11-1501(b) is amended—

11               (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
12               by striking “he” and inserting “that person”;  
13               and

14               (B) in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), and in  
15               the last sentence, by striking “his” each place it  
16               appears.

17          (20) Section 11-1502 is amended by striking  
18          “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

19          (21) Section 11-1503(a) is amended—

20               (A) in the first sentence, by striking “his  
21               successor” and inserting “a successor”;

22               (B) in the second sentence, by striking “He”  
23               and inserting “The chief judge”; and

24               (C) in the third sentence, by striking “A  
25               judge may relinquish his position as chief judge”

1           *and inserting “The chief judge may relinquish*  
2           *that position”.*

3           *(22) Section 11–1503(b) is amended by striking*  
4           *“he” and inserting “that person”.*

5           *(23) Section 11–1505(a) is amended by striking*  
6           *“his” and inserting “the judge’s”.*

7           *(24) Section 11–1505(b) is amended by striking*  
8           *“judicial manpower in the court under his super-*  
9           *vision” and inserting “judicial personnel in the court*  
10           *under the chief judge’s supervision”.*

11           *(25) Section 11–1522(a)(1)(A) is amended by*  
12           *striking “his”.*

13           *(26) The last sentence of section 11–1522(a) is*  
14           *amended by striking “Chairman of the Commission*  
15           *one of his appointees” and inserting “Chair of the*  
16           *Commission one of the members appointed pursuant*  
17           *to paragraph (1)”.*

18           *(27) Section 11–1522(b)(1) is amended by strik-*  
19           *ing “his”.*

20           *(28) Section 11–1523(b) is amended by striking*  
21           *“his predecessor” and inserting “that member’s prede-*  
22           *cessor”.*

23           *(29) Section 11–1523(c) is amended—*

24                   *(A) by striking “his term” each place it ap-*  
25                   *pears and inserting “that member’s term”; and*

1           (B) by striking “his successor” and insert-  
2           ing “that member’s successor”.

3           (30) Section 11–1525(d) is amended by striking  
4           “Chairman” and inserting “Chair”.

5           (31) Section 11–1526(b) is amended by striking  
6           “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

7           (32) Section 11–1526(c)(1)(A) is amended by  
8           striking “his”.

9           (33) The last sentence of section 11–1526(c)(1) is  
10          amended by striking “recover his salary and all  
11          rights and privileges of his office.” and inserting “re-  
12          cover salary and all rights and privileges pertaining  
13          to the judge’s office.”.

14          (34) Section 11–1526(c)(2) is amended—

15               (A) in the first sentence, by striking “he”  
16               and inserting “the judge”; and

17               (B) in the third sentence, by striking “his”  
18               the first place it appears and inserting “the  
19               judge’s”, and by striking “his” the second place  
20               it appears.

21          (35) Section 11–1526(c)(3) is amended by strik-  
22          ing “his” each place it appears.

23          (36) Section 11–1527(a)(1) is amended by strik-  
24          ing “of his court” and inserting “of the court in  
25          which the judge serves”.

1           (37) Section 11-1527(a)(2) is amended—

2                 (A) by striking “He” each place it appears  
3                 and inserting “The judge”;

4                 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “his”  
5                 and inserting “the judge’s”;

6                 (C) in the third sentence, by striking “his”  
7                 and inserting “his or her”; and

8                 (D) in the third sentence, by striking “him”  
9                 and inserting “the judge”.

10           (38) The fourth sentence of section 11-1527(a)(3)  
11           is amended by striking “of his court” and inserting  
12           “of the court in which the judge serves”.

13           (39) Section 11-1527(c)(2) is amended by strik-  
14           ing “his privilege” each place it appears and insert-  
15           ing “the witness’s privilege”.

16           (40) Section 11-1527(c)(3) is amended by strik-  
17           ing “him” and “he” each place either appears and  
18           inserting “that person”.

19           (41) Section 11-1527(e) is amended by striking  
20           “his”.

21           (42) Section 11-1528(b) is amended—

22                 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the  
23                 judge”; and

24                 (B) by striking “his” and inserting “the  
25                 judge’s”.



1           (43) Section 11–1530(a) is amended by striking  
2           “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

3           (44) Section 11–1530(a)(1) is amended by strik-  
4           ing “his” each place it appears and inserting “the  
5           judge’s”.

6           (45) Section 11–1530(a)(2) is amended by strik-  
7           ing “he” and inserting “the judge”.

8           (46) Section 11–1530(a)(3) is amended by strik-  
9           ing “him or by him and his” and inserting “the  
10          judge or by the judge and the judge’s”.

11          (47) Section 11–1530(a)(4) is amended—

12               (A) by striking “him” and inserting “the  
13               judge”; and

14               (B) by striking “his” each place it appears  
15               and inserting “the judge’s”.

16          (48) Section 11–1530(a)(5) is amended by strik-  
17          ing “he” each place it appears and inserting “the  
18          judge”.

19          (49) Section 11–1530(a)(6) is amended by strik-  
20          ing “he” and inserting “the judge”.

21          (50) Section 11–1530(a)(7) is amended by strik-  
22          ing “him” and inserting “the judge”.

23          (51) Section 11–1561(8)(C) is amended by strik-  
24          ing “he” each place it appears and inserting “the  
25          child”.

1           (52) Section 11–1561(9)(C) is amended by strik-  
2           ing “he” and inserting “the judge”.

3           (53) Section 11–1561(10)(C) is amended by  
4           striking “he” and inserting “the judge”.

5           (54) Section 11–1562 is amended by striking  
6           “he” each place it appears in subsections (a) and (b)  
7           and inserting “the judge”.

8           (55) Section 11–1563 is amended—

9                   (A) by striking “his” each place it appears  
10                  in subsections (a) and (b) and inserting “the  
11                  judge’s”; and

12                  (B) by striking “he” and “him” each place  
13                  either appears in such subsections and inserting  
14                  “the judge”.

15           (56) Section 11–1563(c) is amended by striking  
16           “he” each place it appears and inserting “the judge”.

17           (57) Section 11–1563(d) is amended—

18                   (A) by striking “bring himself” and insert-  
19                  ing “be”; and

20                  (B) by striking “him” and inserting “the  
21                  judge”.

22           (58) The first sentence of section 11–1564(a) is  
23           amended by striking “his” each place it appears and  
24           inserting “the judge’s”.

1           (59) *The second sentence of section 11–1564(a) is*  
2     *amended—*

3                 (A) *by striking “his” each place it appears;*  
4     *and*

5                 (B) *by striking “he” and inserting “the*  
6     *judge”.*

7           (60) *The third sentence of section 11–1564(a) is*  
8     *amended by striking “his” and inserting “the*  
9     *judge’s”.*

10          (61) *Section 11–1564(b) is amended by striking*  
11     *“his” and inserting “the judge’s”.*

12          (62) *Section 11–1564(c) is amended—*

13                 (A) *by striking “he” and inserting “the*  
14     *judge”;*

15                 (B) *by striking “his” the first two places it*  
16     *appears;*

17                 (C) *by striking “his” the third place it ap-*  
18     *pears and inserting “the judge’s”; and*

19                 (D) *by striking “his” the fourth place it ap-*  
20     *pears.*

21          (63) *Section 11–1564(d)(1) is amended by strik-*  
22     *ing “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.*

23          (64) *Section 11–1564(d)(2)(A) is amended by*  
24     *striking “he” each place it appears and inserting “the*  
25     *judge”.*

1           (65) Section 11–1564(d)(2)(C) is amended by  
2       striking “his”.

3           (66) Section 11–1564(d)(4) is amended by strik-  
4       ing “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

5           (67) Section 11–1564(d)(7) is amended—

6                (A) by striking “him” and inserting “the  
7       judge”; and

8                (B) by striking “his” each place it appears  
9       and inserting “the judge’s”.

10          (68) Section 11–1564(e) is amended—

11               (A) by striking “his”; and

12               (B) by striking “he” and inserting “the  
13       judge”.

14          (69) Section 11–1566(a) is amended—

15               (A) by striking “he” each place it appears  
16       and inserting “the judge”; and

17               (B) by striking “bring himself” and insert-  
18       ing “elect to be”.

19          (70) Section 11–1566(b) is amended—

20               (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “his” and  
21       inserting “the judge’s”;

22               (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “him”  
23       and inserting “the judge”; and

24               (C) in the second sentence, by striking  
25       “Commissioner” and inserting “Mayor”.

1           (71) Section 11–1566(c) is amended by striking  
2           “he” and inserting “the judge”.

3           (72) Section 11–1567(a) is amended—

4                 (A) by striking “Commissioner” and insert-  
5                 ing “Mayor”;

6                 (B) by striking “his” and inserting “the  
7                 judge’s”; and

8                 (C) by striking “he or his” and inserting  
9                 “the judge or the judge’s”.

10          (73) Section 11–1567(b) is amended—

11                 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the  
12                 judge”;

13                 (B) by striking “Commissioner” each place  
14                 it appears and inserting “Mayor”; and

15                 (C) by striking “his” each place it appears  
16                 and inserting “the judge’s”.

17          (74) Section 11–1568(a) is amended by striking  
18          “his” each place it appears and inserting “the  
19          judge’s”.

20          (75) The third sentence from the end of section  
21          11–1568(c) is amended by striking “his death or mar-  
22          riage or his ceasing” and inserting “the child’s death  
23          or marriage or ceasing”.

24          (76) Section 11–1568(d) is amended—

1           (A) by striking “Commissioner” and insert-  
2           ing “Mayor”; and

3           (B) by striking “he” and inserting “the  
4           Mayor”.

5           (77) Section 11–1569 is amended by striking  
6           “Commissioner” each place it appears and inserting  
7           “Mayor”.

8           (78) Section 11–1569(b) Sixth is amended by  
9           striking “his” and inserting “the judge’s”.

10          (79) Section 11–1569(e) is amended by striking  
11          “his” and inserting “the claimant’s”.

12          (80) Section 11–1701(a) is amended by striking  
13          “Chairman” and inserting “Chair”.

14          (81) Section 11–1702 is amended by striking  
15          “him” in subsections (a) and (b) and inserting “the  
16          Chief Judge”.

17          (82) Section 11–1703(a) is amended by striking  
18          “He” each place it appears and inserting “The Exec-  
19          utive Officer”.

20          (83) Section 11–1704 is amended by striking  
21          “his” each place it appears and inserting “that”.

22          (84) Section 11–1721 is amended by striking  
23          “him” and inserting “the clerk”.

1           (85) Section 11-1722 is amended by striking  
2           “he” each place it appears and inserting “the Direc-  
3           tor”.

4           (86) Section 11-1723(b) is amended by striking  
5           “his” and inserting “that”.

6           (87) Section 11-1724 is amended—

7                 (A) in the second sentence, by striking “his”  
8                 and inserting “that”; and

9                 (B) in the third sentence, by striking “him”  
10                 and inserting “the chief judge”.

11          (88) Section 11-1727(b) is amended—

12                 (A) in the third sentence, by striking “he”  
13                 and inserting “the Executive Officer”; and

14                 (B) in the fourth sentence, by striking “his”  
15                 and inserting “the judge’s”.

16          (89) Section 11-1730(b) is amended by striking  
17          “he” and inserting “the Executive Officer”.

18          (90) Section 11-1741(4) and (7) are amended by  
19          striking “his” and inserting “the Executive Officer’s”.

20          (91) Section 11-1741(9) is amended by striking  
21          “him” and inserting “the Executive Officer”.

22          (92) Section 11-1743(b) is amended by striking  
23          “his” and inserting “the President’s”.

24          (93) Section 11-1744(5) is amended by striking  
25          “him” and inserting “the Executive Officer”.

1           (94) Section 11-1745(b) is amended—

2                 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the Ex-  
3           ecutive Officer”; and

4                 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Commis-  
5           sioner” and inserting “Mayor”.

6           (95) Section 11-1747 is amended by striking  
7           “him” and inserting “the Executive Officer”.

8           (96) Section 11-2102(a) is amended—

9                 (A) by striking “his office” each place it ap-  
10          pears and inserting “the office”; and

11                (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “him”  
12          and inserting “the Register of Wills”.

13          (97) Section 11-2102(b) is amended—

14                (A) by striking “he” and inserting “that  
15          person”; and

16                (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “his”.

17          (98) Section 11-2104 is amended by striking  
18          “him” in subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2) and inserting  
19          “the Register of Wills”.

20          (99) Section 11-2104(b)(6) is amended by strik-  
21          ing “his” each place it appears and inserting “the  
22          Register’s”.

23          (100) Section 11-2104(c)(2) is amended—

24                (A) by striking “his” the first place it ap-  
25          pears; and



1           (B) by striking “his” the second place it ap-  
2           pears and inserting “the”.

3           (101) Section 11-2104(d) is amended by striking  
4           “his” and inserting “the Register’s”.

5           (102) Section 11-2104(e) is amended by striking  
6           “him” and “he” and inserting “the Register of  
7           Wills”.

8           (103) Section 11-2303 is amended by striking  
9           “his” in subsections (a) and (b) and inserting  
10          “those”.

11          (104) Section 11-2306(a) is amended by striking  
12          “he” and inserting “the medical examiner”.

13          (105) Section 11-2306(c) is amended by striking  
14          “his”.

15          (106) The first sentence of section 11-2307(a) is  
16          amended by striking “his”.

17          (107) The second sentence of section 11-2307(a)  
18          is amended by striking “his” and inserting “the pa-  
19          thologist’s”.

20          (108) Section 11-2308(a) is amended by striking  
21          “he” and inserting “the medical examiner”.

22          (109) Section 11-2309(b) is amended—

23               (A) by striking “Commissioner of the Dis-  
24               trict of Columbia or his” and inserting “the

1           *Mayor of the District of Columbia or the Mayor's*; and  
2

3                   (B) by striking “his assistants” and inserting  
4           *“the United States Attorney’s assistants”*.

5           (110) Section 11–2309(c) is amended by striking  
6           *“he”* each place it appears and inserting “such person”.  
7

8           (111) Section 11–2311 is amended by striking  
9           *“his”* and inserting “his or her”.

10          (112) Section 11–2502 is amended by striking  
11          *“his”* and inserting “such person’s”.

12          (113) Section 11–2503(a) is amended by striking  
13          *“he”* and inserting “such person”.

14          (114) Section 11–2503(b) is amended by striking  
15          *“him”* each place it appears and inserting “that member”.  
16

17          (115) Section 11–2504 is amended by striking  
18          *“him”* and inserting “that attorney”.

19          (116) Section 11–2601(1) is amended by striking  
20          *“case which he”* and inserting “case in which such  
21          person”.

22          (117) The second sentence of section 11–2602 is  
23          amended—

24                   (A) by striking “he” the first place it appears  
25                  and inserting “he or she”; and

1           (B) by striking “him if he is” and inserting  
2           “the defendant or respondent if such person is”.

3           (118) The third sentence of section 11-2602 is  
4           amended by striking “him” and inserting “that per-  
5           son”.

6           (119) The sixth sentence of section 11-2602 is  
7           amended—

8           (A) by striking “him if he is” and inserting  
9           “the defendant or respondent if such person is”;  
10          and

11          (B) by striking “he may” and inserting  
12          “such person may”.

13          (120) Section 11-2603 is amended—

14          (A) by striking “his” and inserting “such  
15          person’s”; and

16          (B) by striking “he” and inserting “such  
17          person”.

18          (121) Section 11-2604(f) is amended by striking  
19          “he” and inserting “such person”.

20          (122) Section 11-2605(c) is amended by striking  
21          “him” and inserting “such person”.

22          (123) Section 11-2607 is amended—

23          (A) by striking “Commissioner” and insert-  
24          ing “Mayor”; and

1                   (B) by striking “his” and inserting “the  
2                   Mayor’s”.

3   **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF GENDER-SPECIFIC REFERENCES IN**  
4                   **PROVISIONS OF DISTRICT CHARTER RELAT-**  
5                   **ING TO JUDICIARY.**

6           (a) *REFERENCES IN SECTION.*—Whenever in this sec-  
7   tion an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment  
8   to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference  
9   shall be considered to be made to that section or other provi-  
10   sion of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Gov-  
11   ernmental Reorganization Act.

12          (b) *REMOVAL OF REFERENCES.*—The District of Co-  
13   lumbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization  
14   Act is amended as follows:

15               (1) Section 431(b) is amended—

16                   (A) by striking “his successor” and insert-  
17                   ing “a successor”;

18                   (B) by striking “his term” and inserting  
19                   “the term”; and

20                   (C) by striking “He” and inserting “An in-  
21                   dividual”.

22               (2) Section 431(c) is amended by striking “his  
23   successor” and inserting “a successor”.

24               (3) Section 431(e) is amended—

25                   (A) in paragraph (1)—

1           (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
2 graph (A), by striking “he—” and inserting  
3 “such person—”, and

4           (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
5 “his appointment” and inserting “appoint-  
6 ment”;

7           (B) in paragraph (2)—

8           (i) by striking “is which” and insert-  
9 ing “in which”, and

10           (ii) by striking “his predecessor” and  
11 inserting “such person’s predecessor”; and

12           (C) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “or  
13 whom” and inserting “of whom”.

14           (4) Section 432(b) is amended by striking “his  
15 judicial duties” and inserting “judicial duties”.

16           (5) Section 432(c) is amended—

17           (A) in paragraph (1)—

18           (i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking  
19 “his conviction” and inserting “conviction”,  
20 and

21           (ii) in the matter following subpara-  
22 graph (B), by striking “his salary” and all  
23 that follows and inserting “any salary and  
24 all other rights and privileges of office.”;

25           (B) in paragraph (2)—

1           (i) by striking “as he may be entitled”  
2           and inserting “as the judge may be enti-  
3           tled”,

4           (ii) by striking “his judicial salary”  
5           and inserting “judicial salary”, and

6           (iii) by striking “his office” and in-  
7           serting “office”; and

8           (C) in paragraph (3)—

9           (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
10          graph (A), by striking “his judicial duties”  
11          and inserting “the judge’s judicial duties”,  
12          and

13          (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14          “his suspension” and inserting “such sus-  
15          pension”.

16          (6) Section 433(a) is amended by striking “to  
17          him”.

18          (7) Section 433(b) is amended—

19               (A) in the matter preceding paragraph  
20               (1), by striking “he—” and inserting “the  
21               person—”;

22               (B) by striking “his nomination” each place  
23               it appears and inserting “the nomination”; and

24               (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “as long  
25               as he serves” and inserting “while serving”.

1           (8) *Section 433(c) is amended—*

2                   (A) *by striking “his term” the first place it*  
3                   *appears and inserting “the judge’s term”;*

4                   (B) *by striking “his term” the second place*  
5                   *it appears and inserting “the term”;*

6                   (C) *by striking “his present” and inserting*  
7                   *“the present”;*

8                   (D) *by striking “his fitness” and inserting*  
9                   *“the candidate’s fitness”; and*

10                  (E) *by striking “he shall nominate” and in-*  
11                  *serting “the President shall nominate”.*

12           (9) *Section 434(b) is amended—*

13                   (A) *in paragraph (1) in the matter preced-*  
14                   *ing subparagraph (A), by striking “he—” and*  
15                   *inserting “the person—”;*

16                   (B) *in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “his*  
17                   *appointment” and inserting “appointment”; and*

18                   (C) *in paragraph (2), by striking “his pred-*  
19                   *ecessor” and inserting “such person’s prede-*  
20                   *cessor”.*

21           (10) *Section 434(d) is amended—*

22                   (A) *in paragraph (1) in the fourth sentence,*  
23                   *by striking “to him” and inserting “to the Presi-*  
24                   *dent”; and*

1                   *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “his rec-*  
2                   *ommendation” and inserting “the recommenda-*  
3                   *tion”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, and Part C of title IV of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act to remove gender-specific references.”.

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